

Allah almighty said: **and i did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship me [adh-dhariyaat:56]**. As is clear from the above verse of the holy Qur'an, Allah has created us for a particular reason, and with a purpose as well, which he stated in the ayah above. Yes, indeed we all are created to worship Allah alone, the one and only, worthy of all praises, and there is no one worthy of worship except Allah almighty.

Therefore, o dear mother, bear in mind that your lap is the first school of your child. It is your responsibility to teach your child the correct aqeedah and manhaj. If there is a deviation in you, it will be transferred to your offspring and so on. And in that case, how are you going to raise the next generation in the likes of Umer ibn al-khattāb, Usama bin zayd, Khalid bin al-walīd? In order to raise your children like a sahabah you ought to follow and imitate the sahabah and the sahabiyyat. You too should be a mother like Khansa (RA), a mother who sent four of her young sons to fight for Allah's cause. Thus, raise your son in a way that this ummah needs him and benefits from him, and so that he goes out [fi sabillillah] and never turns his back, for Allah's sake.

Moreover, bear in mind that our deen is based upon tawheed which stands for the oneness of Allah, it means that Allah is unique in his lordship. And if there is no tawheed, our worship is of no benefit to us, and all of our deeds from the simplest to the noblest will all be in vain. Dear sisters, rectify your aqeedah, because if your deeds are correct but not sincere, they are not accepted, similarly if your deeds are sincere but not correctly done, they are not accepted either. Just reciting la ilah illa Allah is not enough and it's not that simple! Ponder upon it, islam is not a "theory" based on assumptions, rather it is a way of life based on a reality. And islam cannot fulfil its role except by taking a central position in the society. It is therefore necessary to revive islam, and if we seek to carry



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out the task of establishing Islam with wisdom, we must first clearly know the pure and original prophetic methodology. And, no doubt that the shari'a is the best for mankind, since it comes from Allah, the almighty, the creator. So, we should accept shari'a without raising questions and reject all other laws (in any shape or form), this is al-Islam.

The first word in the kalimah of tawheed is *la* which stand for no, what is this no for? No is for all kind of Taghūt. And a Taghūt is everything that worshiped other than Allah subhanu wa ta'ala.

Tawheed has two arkaan (pillars), the first is to reject the Taghūt and the second is belief in Allah, the one and only.

1: disbelief in Taghūt: a Taghūt is everything or anyone who exceeds the proper limits ascribes himself to the acts of Allah almighty, such as creation, provision or legislation or ascribes himself to the attributes of Allah almighty and sets up himself as a partner with Allah almighty. There are five heads of Taghūt: (1) satan, who invites people to worship other than Allah almighty. (2) the oppressive ruler who changes the laws of Allah almighty. (3) the one who does not govern by what Allah almighty has revealed. (4) the one who claims knowledge of the unseen. (5) the one who is worshipped and is pleased with it.

So, the question is, how can we reject these Tawagheet? There are five ways to reject the taghut. First, we have to believe that worshipping the Taghut is false. Secondly, we should avoid worshipping Taghut. Third we declare enmity towards it after that we show hatred and then we consider the Taghut as a kafir.

2: belief in Allah almighty: belief in Allah almighty means to assert Allah's oneness in lordship, worship, names and attributes. (A) the belief in Allah's lordship; (Rububiyah) which means to believe in Allah's acts which are specific to him alone, like creation, provision and legislation. (B) the belief in Allah's worship; (Ululhiyah) which means that the only one to be worshiped is none but Allah almighty. (C) the belief in Allah almighty's names and attributes; (Asma was sifaat) which Allah almighty has affirmed himself in the Quran. **"there shall be no compulsion in [acceptance of] the religion. The right course has become clear from the wrong. So, whoever disbelieves in Taghut and believes in Allah has grasped the most trustworthy handhold with no break in it. And Allah is hearing and knowing. [surah al baqarah:256]."**

Even though we need to be aware about the realities of shirk and misguidance which is prevalent in the society in order to stay away from it but there are few things which have taken roots among the people and most people are ignorant about these realities. These are grave worshipping and ruling by other than what Allah has revealed. In our present time, almost the whole world is governed by human-made laws. Whoever goes to seek judgment other than the Quran and sunnah has indeed gone astray because this is also an act of shirk. Allah says in Quran, **"legislation is not but for Allah. He**

has commanded that you worship not except him. That is the correct religion, but most of the people do not know." [surah yousuf:40].

So, my dear sisters, now that you have become familiar with the Taghut, know that after you affirm tawheed i.e., reject Taghut and believe in Allah alone, you will be tested with trials and tribulations. So, don't panic when those trials come upon you for, they are only but a test from your lord so that he can see how firm and truthful we are! Allah says, **"do the people think that they will be left to say, "we believe" and they will not be tried? But we have certainly tried those before them, and Allah will surely make evident those who are truthful, and he will surely make evident the liars."** [surah Ankaboot: 2-3].

And if we want to take a contemporary example of steadfastness and sacrifices, then we have an excellent example in the people of al-baghūz who went through all of the hardships for their tawheed, for rejecting the Taghut, and it was only because of the strength of their affirmations that they were able to stand firm against the assaults of the kuffar.

Many of them were killed and many of them who remained alive are still going through a lot of difficulties. Indeed, their ordeals reminded us of the people of ditch. But have you ever thought why are they suffering, and why is it happening only to them and not the rest of the world? Know that, it is only because they said: "Allah is our lord". They didn't bow down before any Taghut, nor did they accept any of their filthy systems.

So, my sisters, let them be your role models. And bear it in mind that our lord will surely test us if we act upon Tawheed completely. **"Allah keeps firm those who believe, with the firm word, in worldly life and in the hereafter. And Allah sends astray the wrongdoers. And Allah does what he wills."**[surah ibrahim: 27].

And know that Islam is the only divine way of life which brings out noblest human characteristics. When belief in *la ilah illa Allah* penetrates deep into the heart, it also penetrates the whole system of life, which is a practical interpretation of this faith. These words of tawheed *la ilah illa Allah* is the key to our success in this world and in the hereafter. So, hold it tight and don't let go.

